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DEPUTIES' MEETING

8 January 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory,  
Col. White, [redacted] Kirkpatrick, [redacted]

[redacted] Sheldon, [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a) Invited [redacted] to discuss the situation in [redacted]

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[redacted] gave a general discourse on the situation, expressed his views and prognostications and then answered a number of questions by various members of the group present. In the course of the discussion the Director requested

[redacted] to look into the possibility of our placing an officer in [redacted]

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[redacted] The Director also suggested that sometime after [redacted] make a direct, witting contact with [redacted]

b) Referred to a copy of the draft of the U.S. reply to Bulganin's note which he had received from the State Department. This was given to Messrs. Amory and [redacted] with the request that they furnish him any comments or proposals that they might have no later than Friday morning, 10 January.

c) Referred to a note Colonel Grogan had given him stating that a newspaperman had informed Colonel Grogan that reports were circulating in certain newspaper circles in Washington to the effect that CIA was backing a pro-Communist candidate in the forthcoming Guatemalan elections. Mr. Wisner observed that this is obviously a part of Ydigoras' extensive smear campaign and that he plans to prepare a paper on this. It was agreed that efforts should be made to find out who in U.S. news circles is assisting Ydigoras to spread this type of smear material.

d) Referred to a memorandum prepared by Colonel White, and comments appended thereto prepared by Mr. Kirkpatrick, pertaining to the forthcoming trip which Mr. Macy of the Bureau of the Budget plans to make to the Far East. It was noted that Macy's plans call for him to delve quite deeply into CIA operational details and a considerable discussion ensued as to the advisability of this. Mr. Kirkpatrick pointed out that the Bureau of the Budget, under its Management and Review Authority, certainly is authorized to go into this type of study if it so desires. He expressed the belief that if we did not wish to be completely free and open with the Bureau, we would have to have the President instruct the Bureau of the Budget as to limitations beyond which he did not wish the Bureau to go in examining our operations.

It was finally agreed that a meeting would be arranged for a preliminary discussion prior to Macy's trip which is scheduled to commence on 19 January. Colonel White undertook to make the necessary arrangements for this meeting in the DCI's office and stated that he would have appropriate representatives from the Comptroller and the DD/P present at this meeting. [redacted] stated 25X1 that he believed he might wish to attend.

e) Inquired of Mr. Wisner the status of his comments concerning a recent letter Mr. Dulles had received from C. D. Jackson. Mr. Wisner observed that he felt any reply to C. D. Jackson should be made orally and he planned to have a paper on the DCI's desk soon which would suggest the lines this oral reply should take.

f) Commented that he believed we should return to the former procedure and have one individual assigned as his assistant to attend National Security Council meetings in the future. Some discussion ensued on this point and Mr. Sheldon was asked to study the matter further and make recommendations to the DCI as to who might be assigned this job.

g) Noted that an important intelligence report from [redacted] which came 25X1 in during the previous night had not gotten into the OCI Morning Bulletin and expressed himself strongly that such items should get into the Bulletin if received in time as this one appeared to have been. A considerable discussion on the mechanics of getting such items into the Bulletin ensued and it was finally agreed that Messrs. [redacted] and Amory would get together on an instruction to be issued to DD/P and DD/I personnel concerned which should preclude these occurrences in the future. This instruction will be cleared with the DCI prior to its issuance.

Mr. Wisner:

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b) Advised that (Assistant Secretary Rubottom) in recent conversations had expressed himself as being very concerned over developing Anti-U.S. action in Haiti and was seeking evidence which may tie this developing anti-U.S. activity in with [redacted] Mr. Wisner stated that he would continue to follow this with 25X1 Mr. Rubottom.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Advised that the DCI could shortly expect a letter from Dr. Killian requesting urgently the DCI's comments on the Baker report. The Director reiterated his position expressed at the last Deputies' meeting that no further comments from him were appropriate at this time. Instead, it was his view that Dr. Baker should submit his final report to the President and that the President should then request comments from the CIA and other appropriate agencies.

Colonel White:

25X1 Reported that he believed the visit paid by the Civil Service Commissioners [redacted] had been most successful. He felt that they had not only been very well impressed with the efficiency and scope of our training activities there but also would have a better understanding of some of our peculiar personnel problems as a result of having seen [redacted] 25X1

Mr. Amory:

Noted that Mr. Thomas Gates, the Under Secretary of the Navy, was scheduled to be briefed for two hours on Project HTAUTOMAT. He also observed that General Cutler has never been briefed on HTAUTOMAT and expressed the belief that the possibility of briefing him at an early date should be looked into.

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